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Applicant: James Conlow

Docket No.: B1980.001.US

App. No.: 10/007,266

Examiner: Jadgish Patel
Art Unit: 2161

Filed: 3 December 2001

Re: Preliminary Amendment Under
37 CFR §1.115

For: System and Method for Efficient
Presentment and Payment of Bills
From Multiple Independent Entities
in a Hierarchically Structured
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims in the above-identified application as shown beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 28.